



## 2006-08-26 MSB Flood Emergency Operations Phase Summary

Matanuska Susitna Borough Flood Event  
Emergency Operations Phase Summary  
August 26, 2006

### Introduction

The MSB activated its emergency operations center Friday, August 18, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. at Central Mat-Su Fire Station 6-1 and activated an incident command post in Talkeetna at the National Parks Service about 1:00 p.m. Between these two centers, approximately 100 personnel worked during a 24-hour cycle to oversee the emergency response to the flood disaster.

At approximately 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 18, 2006, Mayor Tim Anderson declared a state of emergency within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and signed a Borough Disaster Declaration. At 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2006, the Borough requested disaster assistance from the State of Alaska. Gov. Frank Murkowski declared the region a state disaster that day.

The emergency operations center ran continuously until Wednesday, August 23, 2006, when it was shut down at 8:00pm. This marked the end of the emergency response phase and transitioned into the recovery phase of operations. On Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 8:00 am, the Incident Recovery Center opened at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building on North Seward Meridian Parkway in Wasilla to begin the process of recovery.

### Rivers

NAME	CRESTED DATE	FLOOD STAGE
• Upper Little Susitna River	8.68 feet 8/18/06	7.8 feet
• Lower Little Susitna River	13.78 feet 8/19/06	11.0 feet
• Willow Creek	12.96 feet 8/19/06	10.0 feet
• Montana Creek	9.54 feet 8/19/06	10.0 feet
• Talkeetna River above RR	15.27 feet 8/19/06	12.0 feet
• Talkeetna River	14.34 feet 8/19/06	13.0 feet
• Moose Creek	19.6 feet 8/19/06	Unknown (< 19.6 feet)

**Data Source: National Weather Service - Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service**

### Life Safety

- Lives lost - 0
- Major injuries - 0

### Evacuations

- Number of people evacuated - Approximately 150
- Shelters established - 3

### Property Damage

- Four structures lost to the flood water: one on the upper portion of the Little Su, two on Willow Creek, and one on Moose Creek in Petersville
- Over 150 homes flooded and/or damaged:
  - Talkeetna area
  - Moose Creek area
  - Montana Creek area
  - Willow Creek area
  - Upper Little Su area
  - Lower Little Su area
  - Other areas

### Road Damage - Impassable, flooded and/or damaged

- 46 Borough roads, reported
- 6 major State roads

**Bridge Damage**

- 8 bridges, reported

**Emergency Response**

- Matanuska-Susitna Borough:
  - MSB Dive Rescue Team
  - Trapper Creek EMS
  - Talkeetna Fire Department
  - Talkeetna EMS & Rescue
  - Willow Fire Department
  - Willow EMS & Rescue
  - Houston EMS
  - Central Mat-Su Fire Department
  - Central Mat-Su EMS & Rescue
  - Meadow Lakes Fire Department
  - Butte Fire Department
  - Butte EMS & Rescue
  - Public Works Department
  - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Anchorage Dive Rescue Team
- JBEAR Dive Rescue Team
- Houston Fire Department
- Houston Police Department
- Palmer Police Department
- City of Wasilla
- National Parks Service
- Alaska State Troopers
- Alaska Red Cross
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Alaska Railroad
- Alaska Department of Transportation
- Alaska Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Mat-Su Valley Ham Radio

**Press Releases**

August 18 - 25, 2006 - 39 press releases

**Mat-Su Borough Flood Related Expenses as of 3:00pm 8/25/06:**

Wages for emergency response and emergency operations center staffing - \$109,200

Purchase orders for response related activities - \$432,000 Total - \$541,200

It's too early to quantify the amount of money required to repair the damages due to the flood.

**Help Centers**

60 people have applied for Borough assistance

47 people have applied for State assistance (\$5,000)

- Willow Community Center - 23625 W Willow Community Center Circle
- Sunshine Fire Station - 42488 South Parks Highway
- Alaska Department of Public Health is offering tetanus shots

**Animal Care**

Animals killed - at least two

Animals injured - unknown

Dog food distributed - unknown

**Debris Removal**

- Public Use Dumpsters
  - Houston Fire Station
  - Houston - King Arthur & No Name Hill Road
  - Talkeetna - Beaver Road Gravel Pit
- \$50.00 dump vouchers are available for flood debris at Borough landfills

**Additional Information**

- Matanuska-Susitna Borough website: <http://www.matsugov.us>
- Alaska Department of Transportation: <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Alaska Red Cross: [http://alaska.redcross.org/index.php?pr=Flood\\_and\\_Flash\\_Flood](http://alaska.redcross.org/index.php?pr=Flood_and_Flash_Flood)

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